

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A management apparatus comprising:  
a storing part adapted to control restriction of  
use of software and including a storage area for  
5 storing type information representing type of the  
restriction of use of software and a storage area for  
storing information representing the restriction of  
use;

10 a software storing part for storing software  
corresponding to said storing part; and  
means for altering contents of said storing part  
on the basis of the use of the software corresponding  
to said storing part.

15 2. A management apparatus according to claim 1,  
wherein a plurality of said storing parts are provided,  
and further comprising means for revising contents of  
said storing part whenever the software corresponding  
to each of said storing parts is executed.

20 3. An information processing apparatus  
comprising:

means for displaying message whether control  
information displayed on a display is revised or not,  
25 if a condition that the control information for  
controlling the use of software is to be revised is  
attained; and

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means for displaying a view required for revision of the control information when the control information is revised.

5           4. An information processing apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising means for displaying plural types of control information on the view for revising the control information and for displaying prices corresponding to the respective control  
10           informations.

5           5. An information processing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the information processing apparatus is connected to a network, and further comprising means for taking-in the control information  
15           from said network.

20           6. An information processing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said taking-in means includes means for taking-in the control informations from said network on the basis of URL of an inter-net.

25           7. An information processing apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising means for altering and effecting revision control in accordance with the type of the control information, when the control information for controlling the use of the software is

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to be revised.

8. An information processing apparatus according  
to claim 7, wherein said means includes means for  
5 displaying revision history when the control  
information is revised.

9. An information processing apparatus according  
to claim 8, wherein said means includes for effecting  
10 revision of the control informations in accordance with  
preferential order when the plurality of control  
informations are provided.

10. An information processing apparatus  
15 comprising:

control means for reading-out history information  
regarding use of software on the basis of control  
information when the use of the software is controlled  
by the control information and for displaying validity  
20 of the control information on display means.

11. An information processing apparatus according  
to claim 10, wherein said control means includes means  
for judging the validity by judging the history  
25 information.

12. A terminal device connected to a network,

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comprising:

control means for revising control information for  
controlling use of software, upon receipt of revision  
information of the control information from an  
5 information equipment connected to said network, if a  
condition that the control information for controlling  
the use of the software is to be revised is attained.

13. A system in which a terminal device is  
10 connected to an information equipment via a network,  
wherein:

said information equipment includes means for  
sending control information for controlling use of  
software to said terminal device on the basis of  
15 information sent from said terminal device.

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